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### **Kaibab NF issues draft decision for Kane Ranch management plan**

FREDONIA, Ariz. – The Kaibab National Forest issued a final Environmental Assessment and a draft Decision Notice – Finding of No Significant Impact this week for the Kane Ranch grazing allotments, which cover about 435,000 acres of the Kaibab Plateau.

Publication of a legal notice last Saturday, September 21, triggered a 45-day objection period in which only those who have previously submitted timely, specific written comments during the Scoping period and/or on the draft Environmental Assessment can file objections prior to the signing of a final Decision Notice. This follows the new process required under 36 CFR Part 218, the “Project-Level Pre-decisional Administrative Review Process.”

The new EA and draft Decision Notice are the result of two years of collaboration and public meetings to discuss numerous issues associated with the reauthorization of cattle grazing on three allotments within the North Kaibab Ranger District.

To view the final Environmental Assessment and associated decision documents, go to <http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/kaibab/landmanagement/projects>.

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